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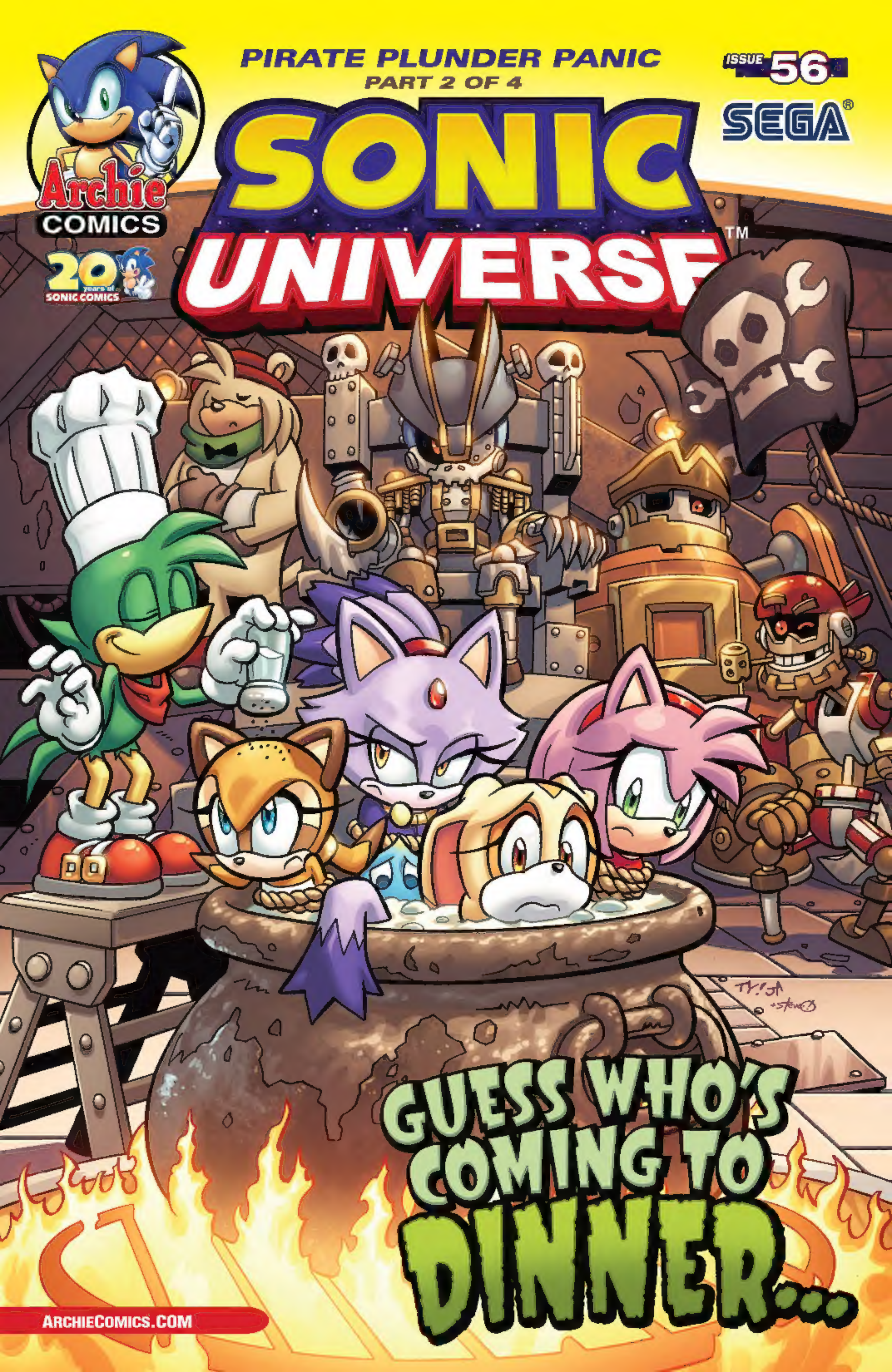

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PREVIOUSLY...

A PRINCESS IN PERIL!

No sooner did our heroes set sail, did they find trouble – trouble in the form of an enemy pirate ship made of metal!

Sensing the power of the Sol Emerald aboard the sinister vessel, Blaze took it upon herself to board the ship and fullfill her quest.

Little did the fiery Princess know that the last Sol Emerald was in the hands of the merciless pirate known as Captain Metal! The metallic marauders unleashed a laser canon on our hero's ship, the Ocean Tornado, leaving nothing but scraps floating in the sea!

With the final Sol Emerald out of reach and her friends destroyed, Blaze the Cat is now at the mercy of the evil Captain Metal...

WHO'S WHO

BLAZE THE CAT
GUARDIAN OF THE SOL EMERALDS

AMY ROSE
HAMMER-SWINGING HEROINE

CREAM THE RABBIT
WITH CHEESE THE CHAO

MARINE THE RACCOON
CAPTAIN OF THE OCEAN TORNADO

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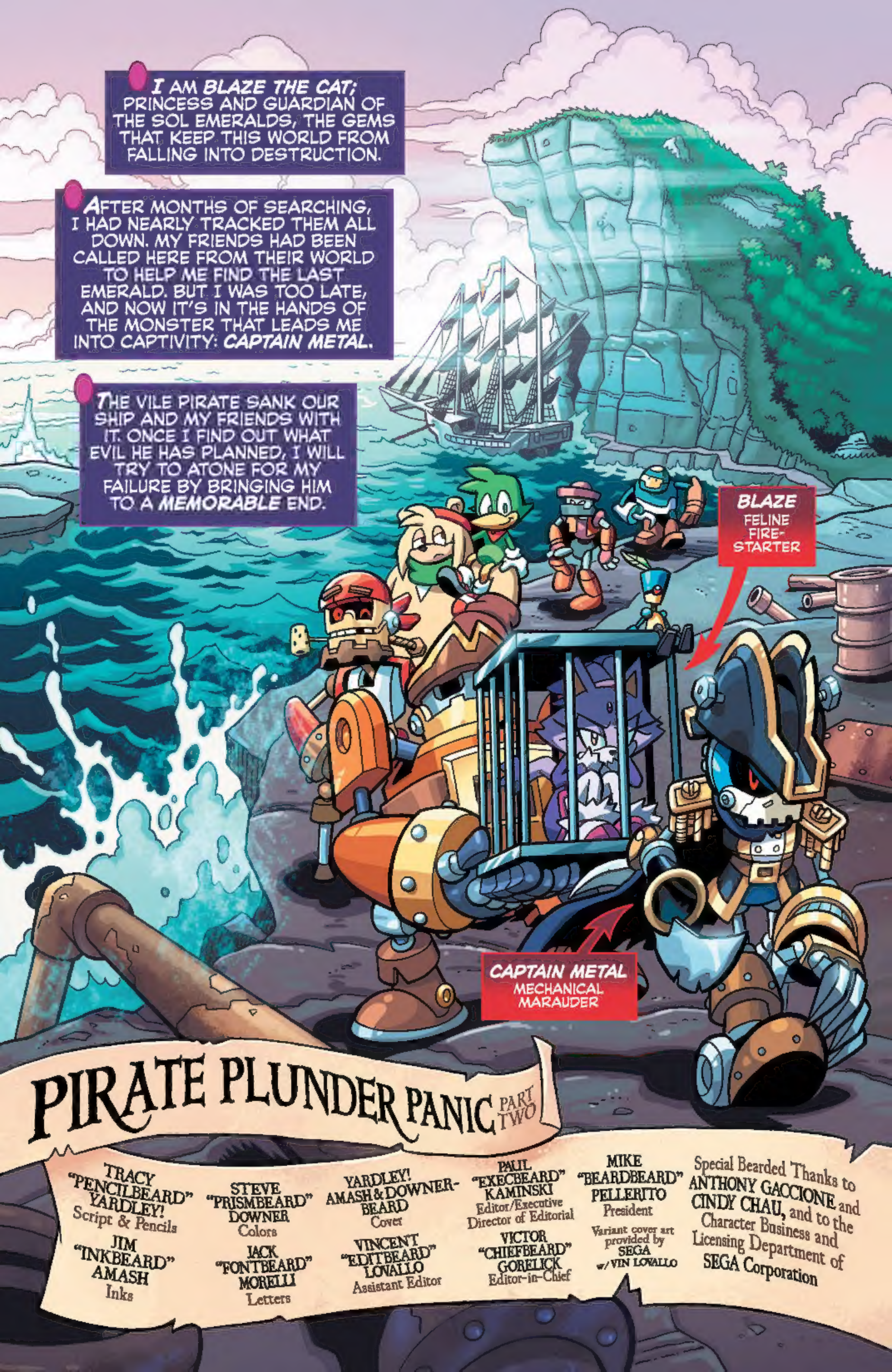
I AM BLAZE THE CAT; PRINCESS AND GUARDIAN OF THE SOL EMERALDS, THE GEMS THAT KEEP THIS WORLD FROM FALLING INTO DESTRUCTION.
AFTER MONTHS OF SEARCHING, I HAD NEARLY TRACKED THEM ALL DOWN. MY FRIENDS HAD BEEN CALLED HERE FROM THEIR WORLD TO HELP ME FIND THE LAST EMERALD. BUT I WAS TOO LATE, AND NOW IT'S IN THE HANDS OF THE MONSTER THAT LEADS ME INTO CAPTIVITY: CAPTAIN METAL.
THE VILE PIRATE SANK OUR SHIP AND MY FRIENDS WITH IT. ONCE I FIND OUT WHAT EVIL HE HAS PLANNED, I WILL TRY TO ATONE FOR MY FAILURE BY BRINGING HIM TO A MEMORABLE END.
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FELINE FIRE-STARTER
CAPTAIN METAL
MECHANICAL MARAUDER
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BEAN and BARK
MERCENARIES FROM ANOTHER WORLD

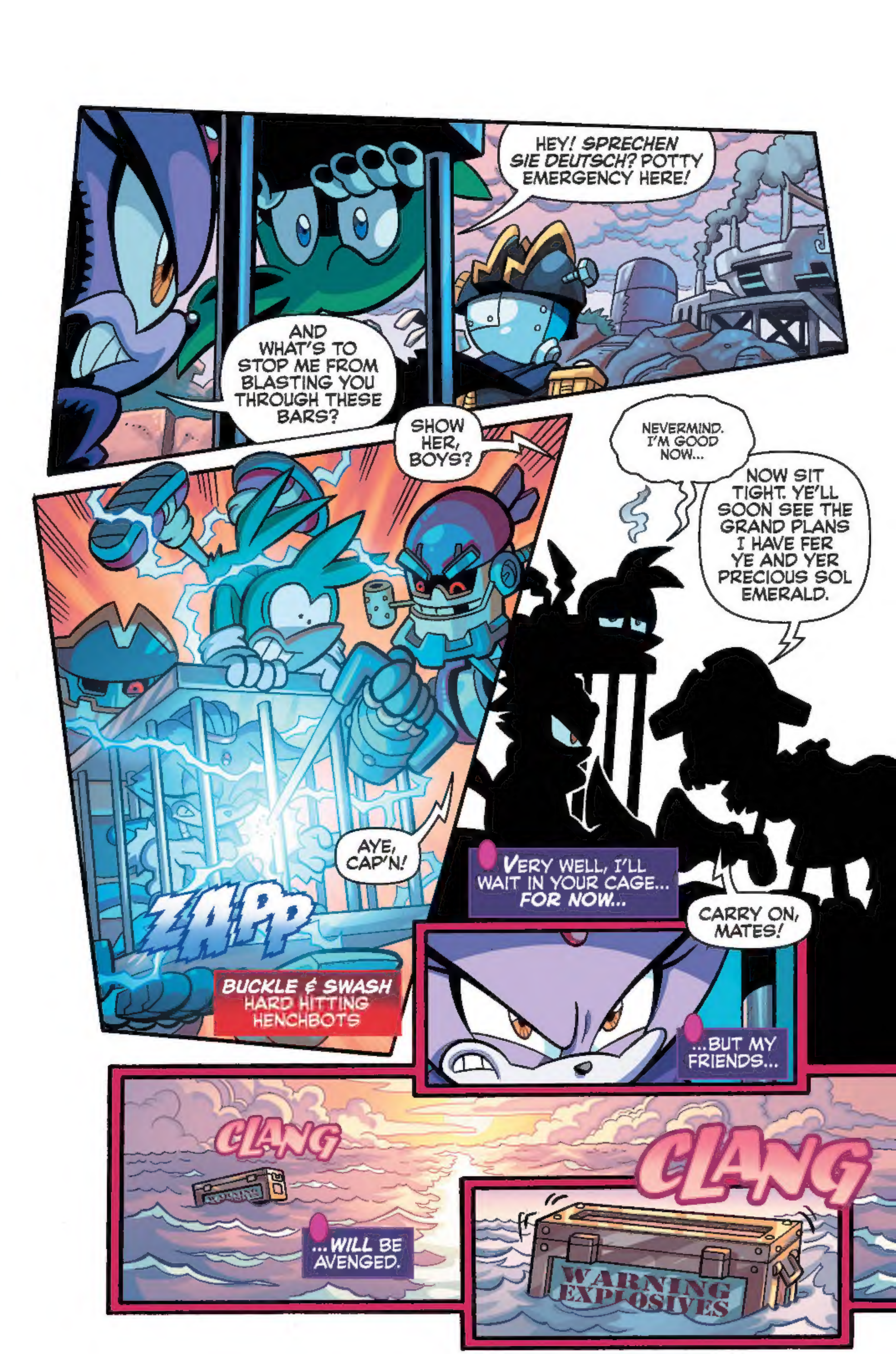
AWWW, C'MON! BARK LIKES 'EM BURNT!

GO ON, YA PEST! SHOO!

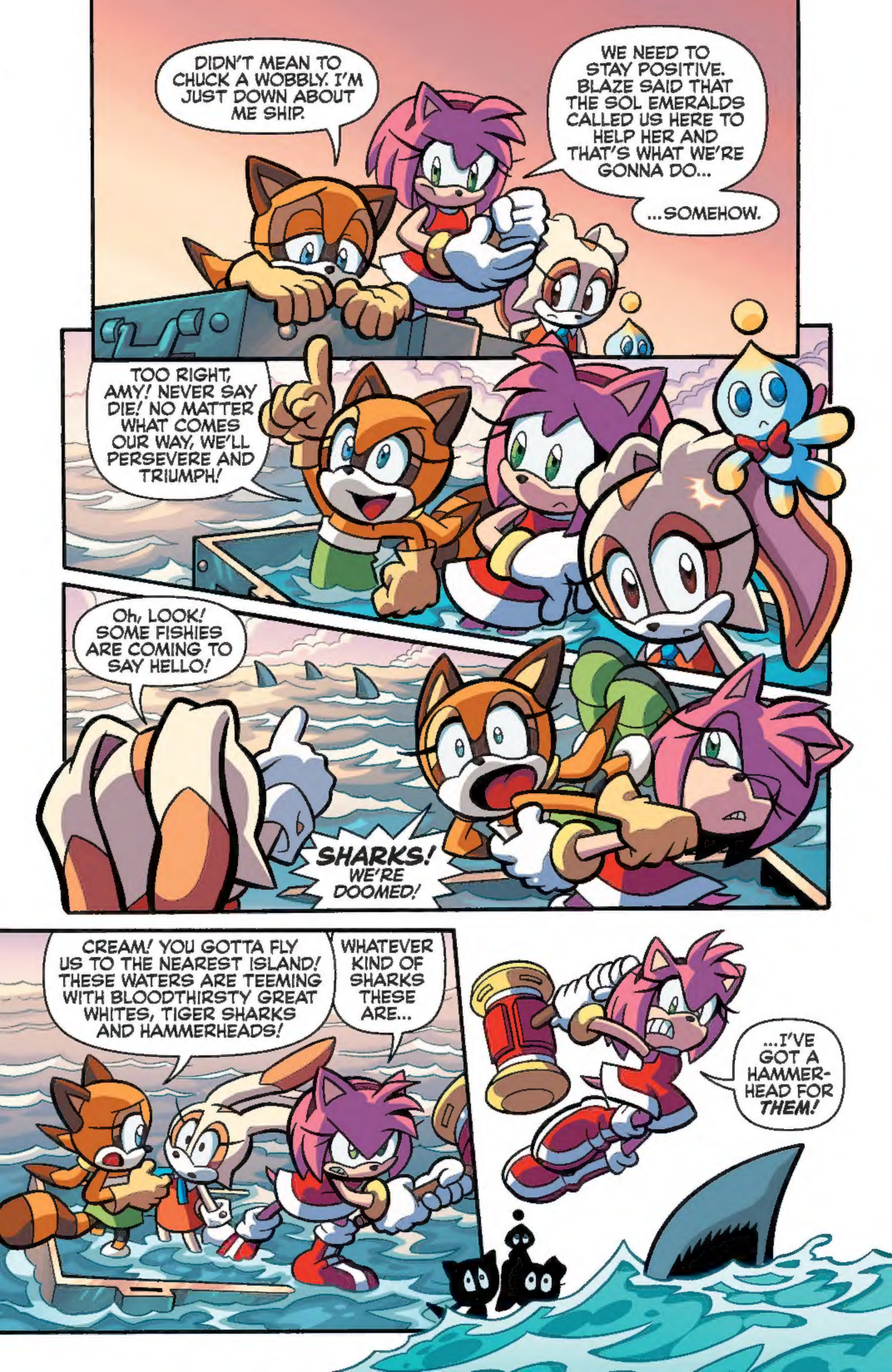
HARRR, PRINCESS. NO DOUBT YE'LL BE WANTIN' TO AVENGE YERSELF UPON ME FER MAKIN' FISH FOOD OF YER FRIENDS.

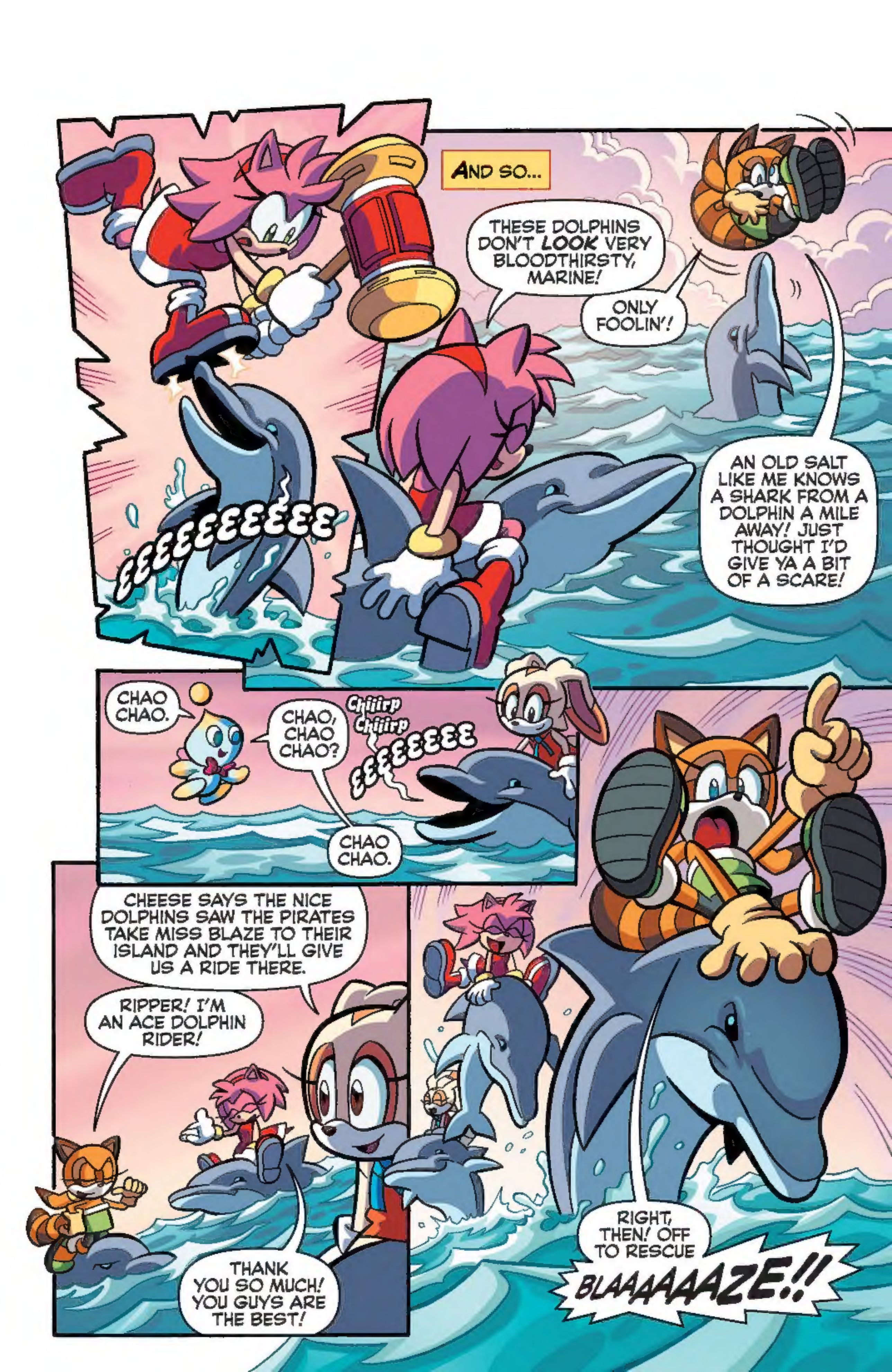
TRY AS YE MIGHT, YE'LL NOT MELT THROUGH THIS CAGE ANY TOO QUICK. IT BE MADE OF TUNGSTEN CARBIDE. METALLURGY BE A LITTLE HOBBY OF MINE.

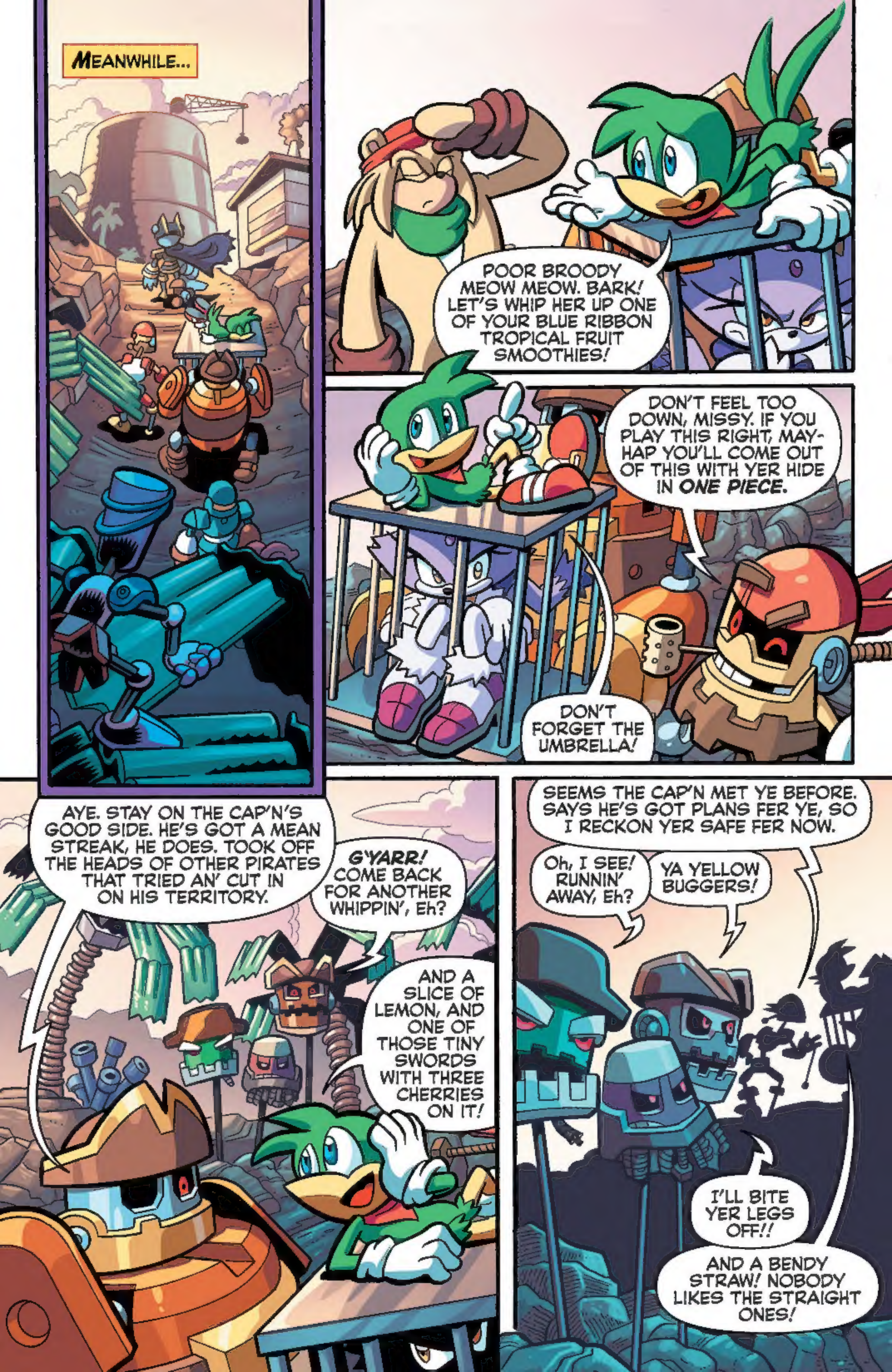
Y'KNOW, I'M FEELING A BIT "URGY", MYSELF! DONDE ES EL BAÑO?

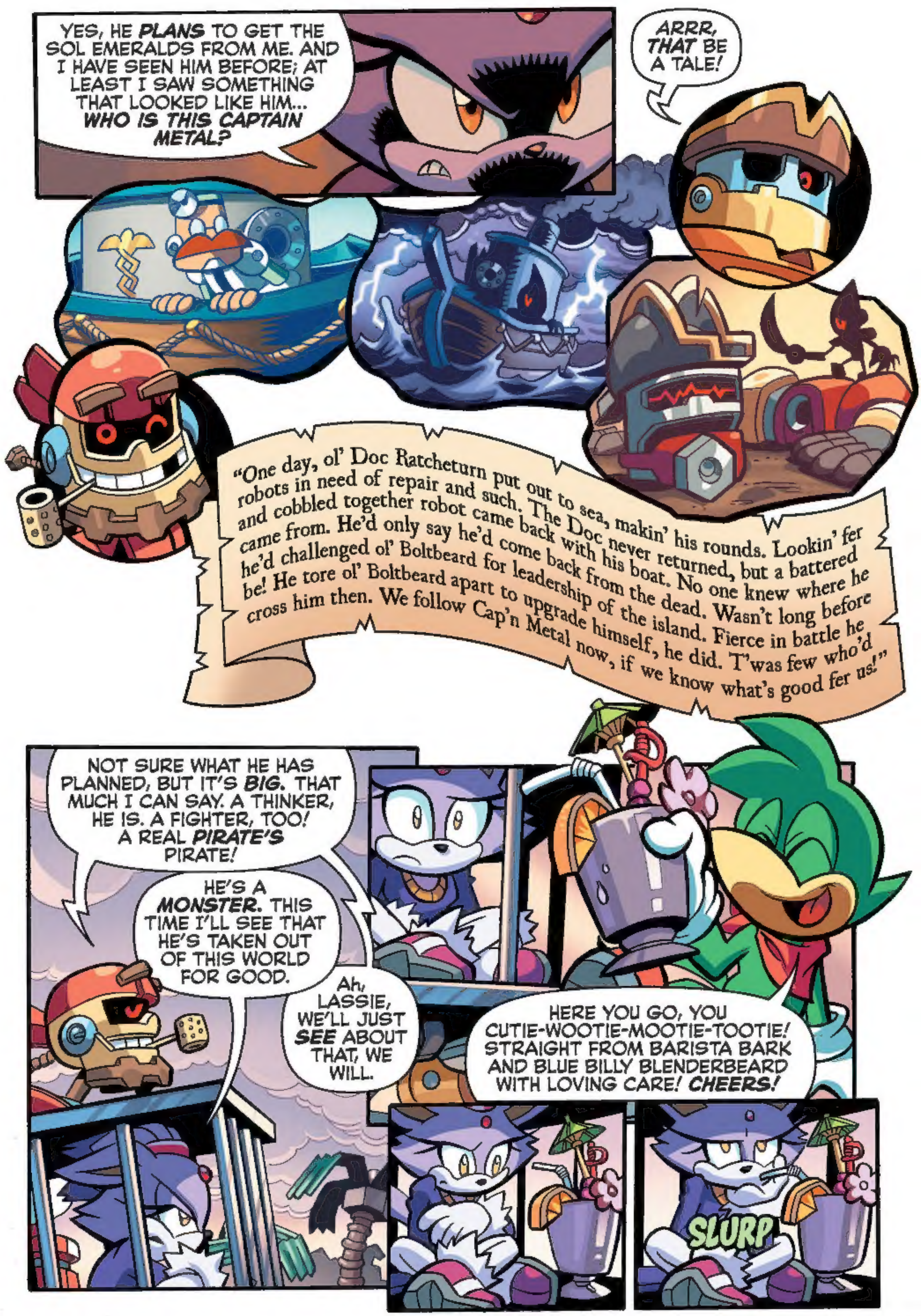

HEY! SPRECHEN SIE DEUTSCH? POTTY EMERGENCY HERE!
AND WHAT'S TO STOP ME FROM BLASTING YOU THROUGH THESE BARS?
SHOW HER, BOYS?
NEVERMIND. I'M GOOD NOW...
NOW SIT TIGHT. YE'LL SOON SEE THE GRAND PLANS I HAVE FER YE AND YER PRECIOUS SOL EMERALD.
AYE, CAP'N!
ZAPP
BUCKLE & SWASH HARD HITTING HENCHBOTS
VERY WELL, I'LL WAIT IN YOUR CAGE... FOR NOW...
CARRY ON, MATES!
...BUT MY FRIENDS...
CLANG
...WILL BE AVENGED.
CLANG
WARNING EXPLOSIVES

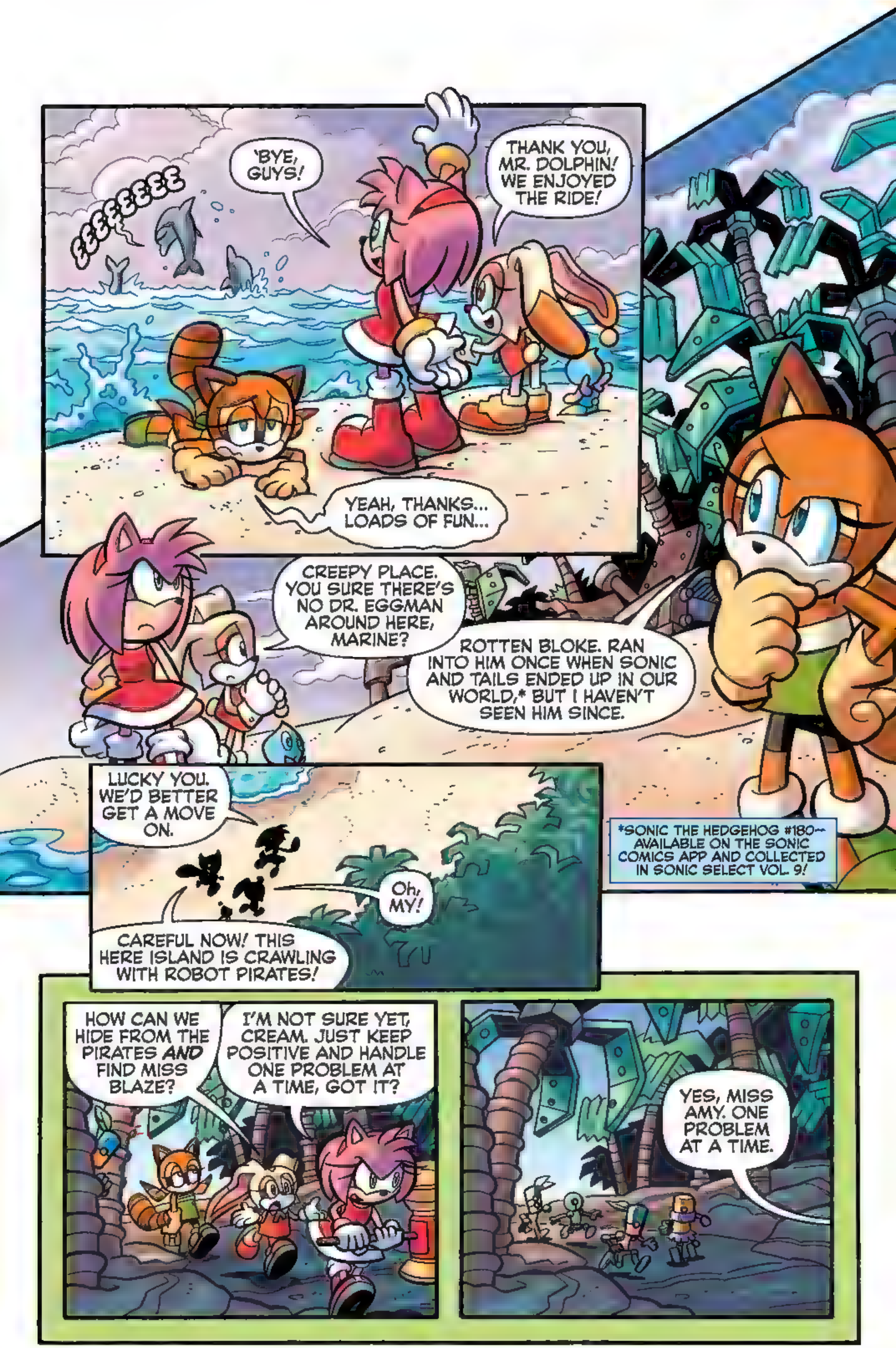
CLANG
Oh, THANK YOU, MISS AMY! I THOUGHT WE'D BE STUCK IN THAT CRATE FOREVER!
MARINE NAUTICAL NUISANCE
AMY ROSE HAMMERING HERO
CREAM & CHEESE CUDDLY COMPANIONS
CRIKEY! ME SHIP IS SUNK! SHE'S COMPLETELY CACTUS! NOTHIN' BUT FLOTSAM AND JETSAM!
THIS CRATE SAVED US FROM THE BLAST, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'LL STAY AFLOAT FOR LONG.
BETTER PUT ON YER COZZIES, GIRLS. WE'RE ABOUT TO TAKE A LONG DIP IN THE BIG BLUE!
MISS AMY, I NEED FLOATIES TO GO SWIMMING. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE'RE OUT BEYOND THE BLACK STUMP WITH NO BOAT, NO WATER, NO NOTHIN'! WE'RE GONNA CARK IT F'SURE! WE'RE DOOMED!
MARINE.
STOP.
TALKING.
NOW.


DIDN'T MEAN TO CHUCK A WOBBLY. I'M JUST DOWN ABOUT ME SHIP.
WE NEED TO STAY POSITIVE. BLAZE SAID THAT THE SOL EMERALDS CALLED US HERE TO HELP HER AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO...
...SOMEHOW.
TOO RIGHT, AMY! NEVER SAY DIE! NO MATTER WHAT COMES OUR WAY, WE'LL PERSEVERE AND TRIUMPH!
Oh, LOOK! SOME FISHIES ARE COMING TO SAY HELLO!
SHARKS! WE'RE DOOMED!
CREAM! YOU GOTTA FLY US TO THE NEAREST ISLAND! THESE WATERS ARE TEEMING WITH BLOODTHIRSTY GREAT WHITES, TIGER SHARKS AND HAMMERHEADS!
WHATEVER KIND OF SHARKS THESE ARE...
...I'VE GOT A HAMMER-HEAD FOR THEM!

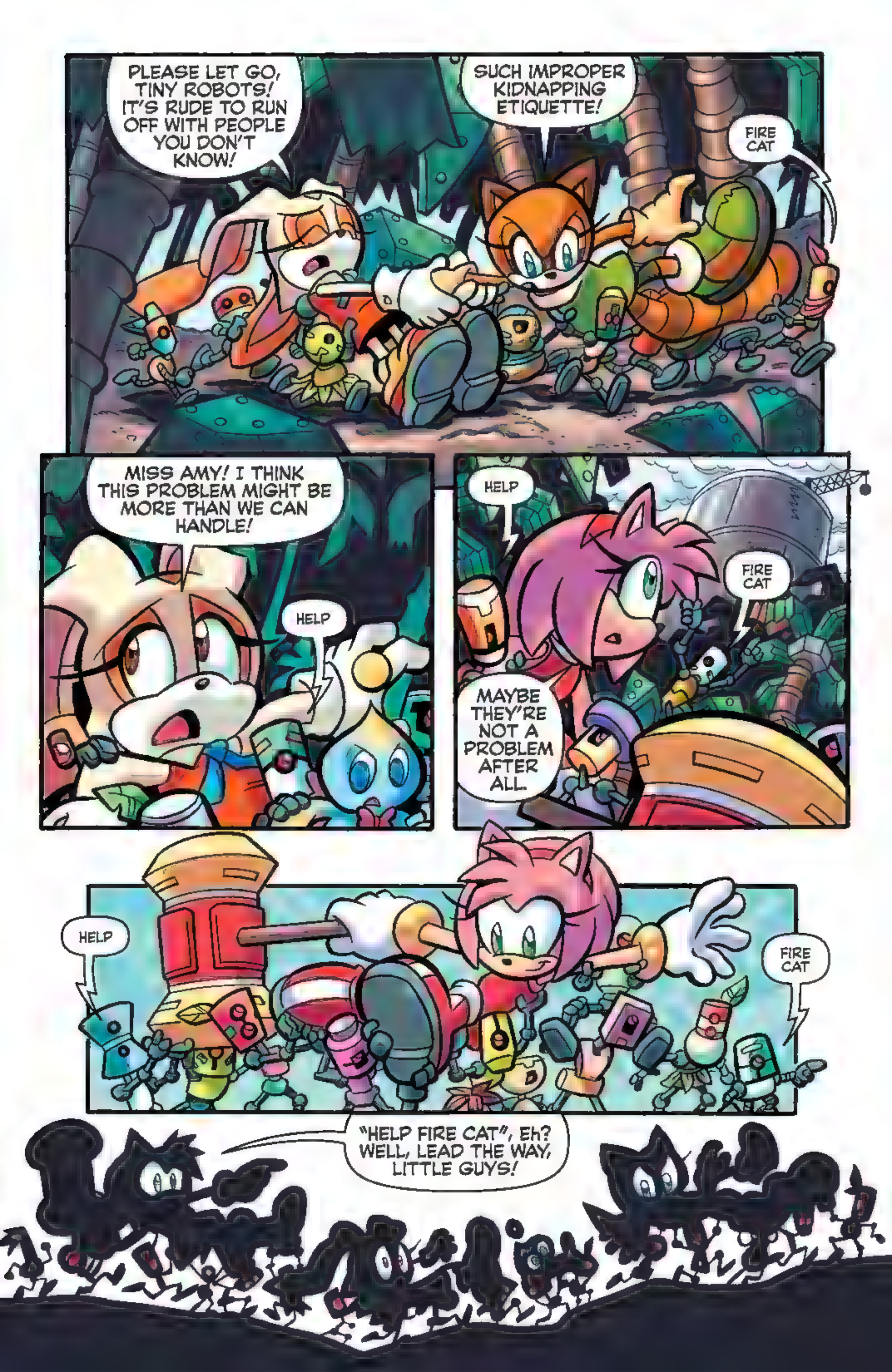

EEEEEEEEEE
AND SO...
THESE DOLPHINS DON'T LOOK VERY BLOODTHIRSTY, MARINE!
ONLY FOOLIN'!
AN OLD SALT LIKE ME KNOWS A SHARK FROM A DOLPHIN A MILE AWAY! JUST THOUGHT I'D GIVE YA A BIT OF A SCARE!
CHAO CHAO.
CHAO, CHAO CHAO?
Chiiirp Chiiirp
EEEEEEEE
CHAO CHAO.
CHEESE SAYS THE NICE DOLPHINS SAW THE PIRATES TAKE MISS BLAZE TO THEIR ISLAND AND THEY'LL GIVE US A RIDE THERE.
RIPPER! I'M AN ACE DOLPHIN RIDER!
THANK YOU SO MUCH! YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST!
RIGHT, THEN! OFF TO RESCUE BLAAAAAZE!!


MEANWHILE...
POOR BROODY MEOW MEOW. BARK! LET'S WHIP HER UP ONE OF YOUR BLUE RIBBON TROPICAL FRUIT SMOOTHIES!
DON'T FEEL TOO DOWN, MISSY. IF YOU PLAY THIS RIGHT, MAY-HAP YOU'LL COME OUT OF THIS WITH YER HIDE IN ONE PIECE.
DON'T FORGET THE UMBRELLA!
AYE. STAY ON THE CAP'N'S GOOD SIDE. HE'S GOT A MEAN STREAK, HE DOES. TOOK OFF THE HEADS OF OTHER PIRATES THAT TRIED AN' CUT IN ON HIS TERRITORY.
G'YARR! COME BACK FOR ANOTHER WHIPPIN', Eh?
AND A SLICE OF LEMON, AND ONE OF THOSE TINY SWORDS WITH THREE CHERRIES ON IT!
SEEMS THE CAP'N MET YE BEFORE. SAYS HE'S GOT PLANS FER YE, SO I RECKON YER SAFE FER NOW.
Oh, I SEE! RUNNIN' AWAY, Eh?
YA YELLOW BUGGERS!
I'LL BITE YER LEGS OFF!!
AND A BENDY STRAW! NOBODY LIKES THE STRAIGHT ONES!


YES, HE PLANS TO GET THE SOL EMERALDS FROM ME. AND I HAVE SEEN HIM BEFORE; AT LEAST I SAW SOMETHING THAT LOOKED LIKE HIM... WHO IS THIS CAPTAIN METAL?
ARRR, THAT BE A TALE!
"One day, ol' Doc Ratcheturn put out to sea, makin' his rounds. Lookin' fer robots in need of repair and such. The Doc never returned, but a battered and cobbled together robot came back with his boat. No one knew where he came from. He'd only say he'd come back from the dead. Wasn't long before he'd challenged ol' Boltbeard for leadership of the island. Fierce in battle he be! He tore ol' Boltbeard apart to upgrade himself, he did. T'was few who'd cross him then. We follow Cap'n Metal now, if we know what's good fer us!"
NOT SURE WHAT HE HAS PLANNED, BUT IT'S BIG. THAT MUCH I CAN SAY. A THINKER, HE IS. A FIGHTER, TOO! A REAL PIRATE'S PIRATE!
HE'S A MONSTER. THIS TIME I'LL SEE THAT HE'S TAKEN OUT OF THIS WORLD FOR GOOD.
Ah, LASSIE, WE'LL JUST SEE ABOUT THAT, WE WILL.
HERE YOU GO, YOU CUTIE-WOOTIE-MOOTIE-TOOTIE! STRAIGHT FROM BARISTA BARK AND BLUE BILLY BLENDERBEARD WITH LOVING CARE! CHEERS!
SLURP


EEEEEEEEE
'BYE, GUYS!
THANK YOU, MR. DOLPHIN! WE ENJOYED THE RIDE!
YEAH, THANKS... LOADS OF FUN...
CREEPY PLACE. YOU SURE THERE'S NO DR. EGGMAN AROUND HERE, MARINE?
ROTTEN BLOKE. RAN INTO HIM ONCE WHEN SONIC AND TAILS ENDED UP IN OUR WORLD,* BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE.
LUCKY YOU. WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON.
Oh, MY!
CAREFUL NOW! THIS HERE ISLAND IS CRAWLING WITH ROBOT PIRATES!
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #180— AVAILABLE ON THE SONIC COMICS APP AND COLLECTED IN SONIC SELECT VOL. 9!
HOW CAN WE HIDE FROM THE PIRATES AND FIND MISS BLAZE?
I'M NOT SURE YET, CREAM. JUST KEEP POSITIVE AND HANDLE ONE PROBLEM AT A TIME, GOT IT?
YES, MISS AMY. ONE PROBLEM AT A TIME.

Oi! WATCH YER PINCHERS, YA LITTLE BITIES!
I'VE BEEN BUSHWACKED! AMY! CREAM! HELP!
HELP
ONE PROBLEM AT A TIME.
≥SIGH≤ I GUESS WE SHOULD SAVE HER...
YOU LITTLE CREEPS HAVE QUESTIONABLE TASTE IN CAPTIVES...
...BUT I CAN'T LET YOU TAKE HER!
QUESTION-ABLE?! EXCELLENT, I'D SAY!!
HELP
FIRE CAT
HELP


PLEASE LET GO, TINY ROBOTS! IT'S RUDE TO RUN OFF WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW!
SUCH IMPROPER KIDNAPPING ETIQUETTE!
FIRE CAT
MISS AMY! I THINK THIS PROBLEM MIGHT BE MORE THAN WE CAN HANDLE!
HELP
HELP
FIRE CAT
MAYBE THEY'RE NOT A PROBLEM AFTER ALL.
HELP
FIRE CAT
"HELP FIRE CAT", EH? WELL, LEAD THE WAY, LITTLE GUYS!

MEANWHILE...

HERE WE BE, PRINCESS. I CAN FINALLY TELL YE OF ME GRAND PLANS FER ME GREAT NEW *WEAPON!*

WHAT IS IT? A DOUBLE-BARRELED BLUNDER-BUSS?

NARRR! IT BE AN ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION THE LIKE OF WHICH THIS WORLD HAS NE'ER SEEN AFORE!

GLORIOUS, IT BE! A MARVEL OF MALEVOLENCE! AND I'LL GIVE IT POWER WITH *THIS!*

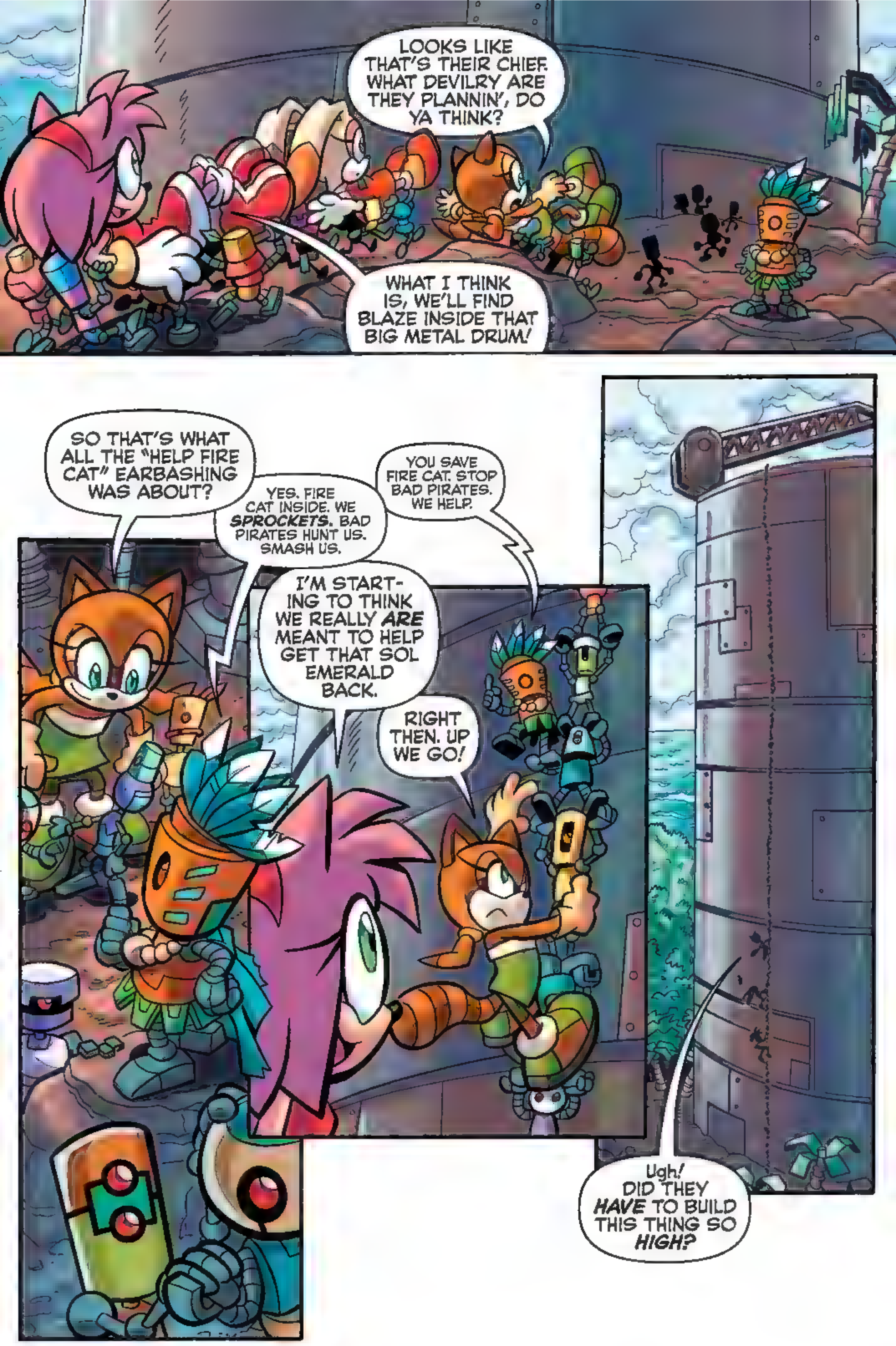
SHIIIINNNYYYY!

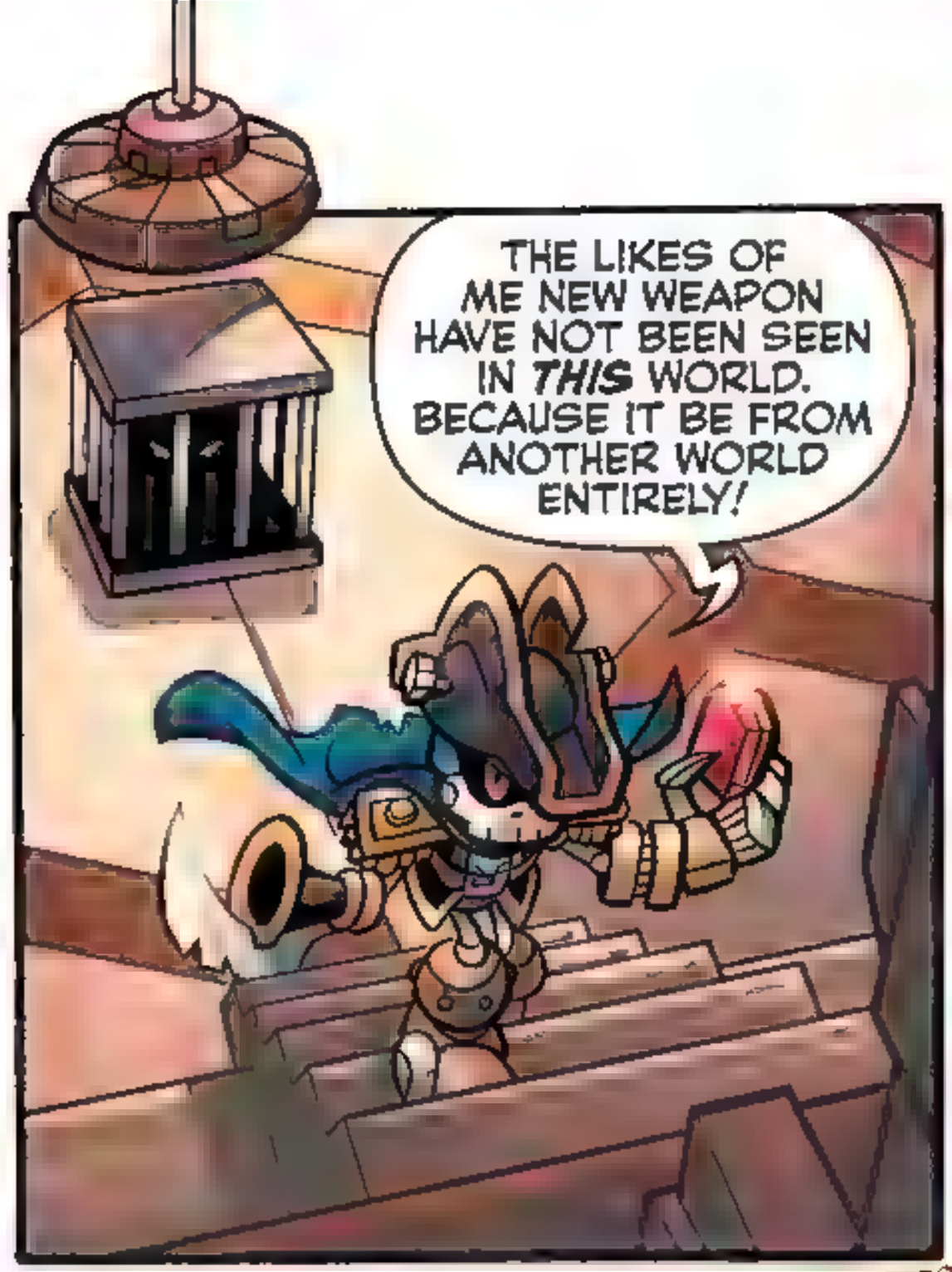
YE HAVE SIX MORE OF THESE BEAUTIES, DON'T YE ME DEAR?

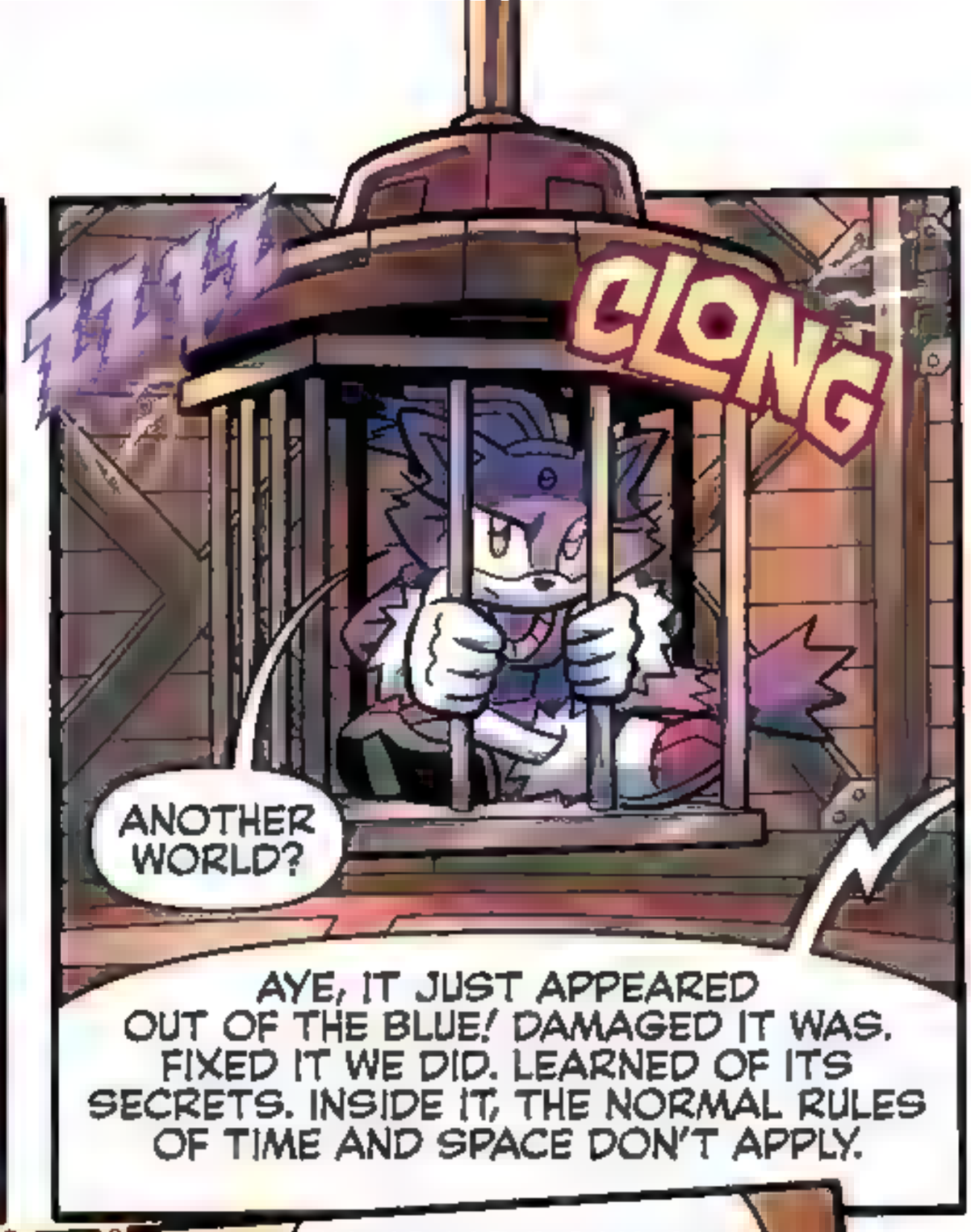
IMAGINE WHAT I COULD DO WITH 'EM. WILL YE PART WITH 'EM FREELY? MAYHAP EVEN *HELP* ME IN ME GRAND SCHEME?

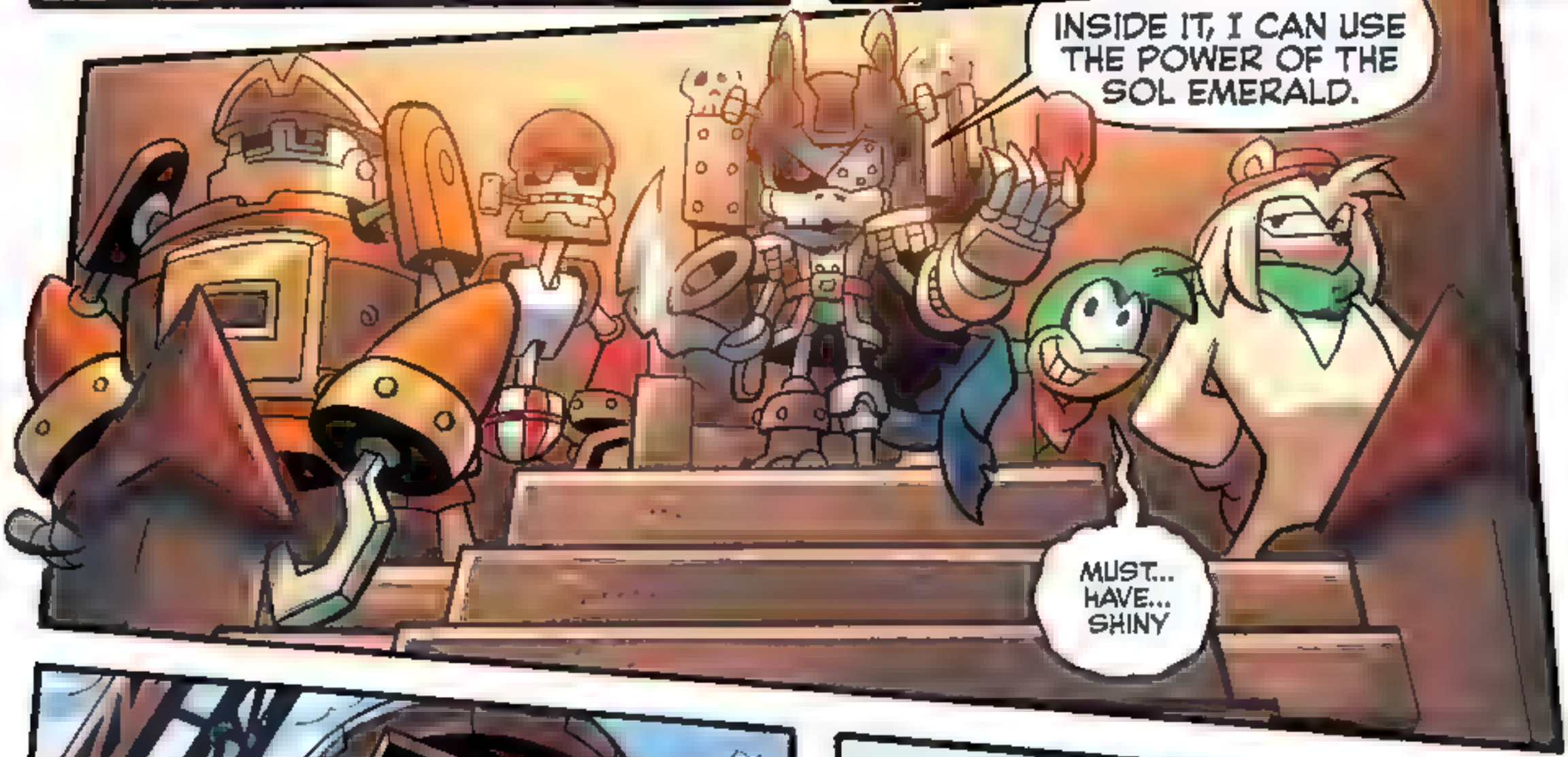
I'LL *HELP* YOU TO YOUR GRAVE, SCUM. ONE EMERALD OR ALL, I AM THEIR MASTER AND ONLY I CAN CONTROL THEM. THEY'RE USE-LESS TO YOU IN ANY CASE!

THAT, ME DEAR, IS WHERE YER WRONG.


LOOKS LIKE THAT'S THEIR CHIEF. WHAT DEVILRY ARE THEY PLANNIN', DO YA THINK?
WHAT I THINK IS, WE'LL FIND BLAZE INSIDE THAT BIG METAL DRUM!
SO THAT'S WHAT ALL THE "HELP FIRE CAT" EARBASHING WAS ABOUT?
YES. FIRE CAT INSIDE. WE SPROCKETS. BAD PIRATES HUNT US. SMASH US.
YOU SAVE FIRE CAT. STOP BAD PIRATES. WE HELP.
I'M STARTING TO THINK WE REALLY ARE MEANT TO HELP GET THAT SOL EMERALD BACK.
RIGHT THEN. UP WE GO!
Ugh! DID THEY HAVE TO BUILD THIS THING SO HIGH?

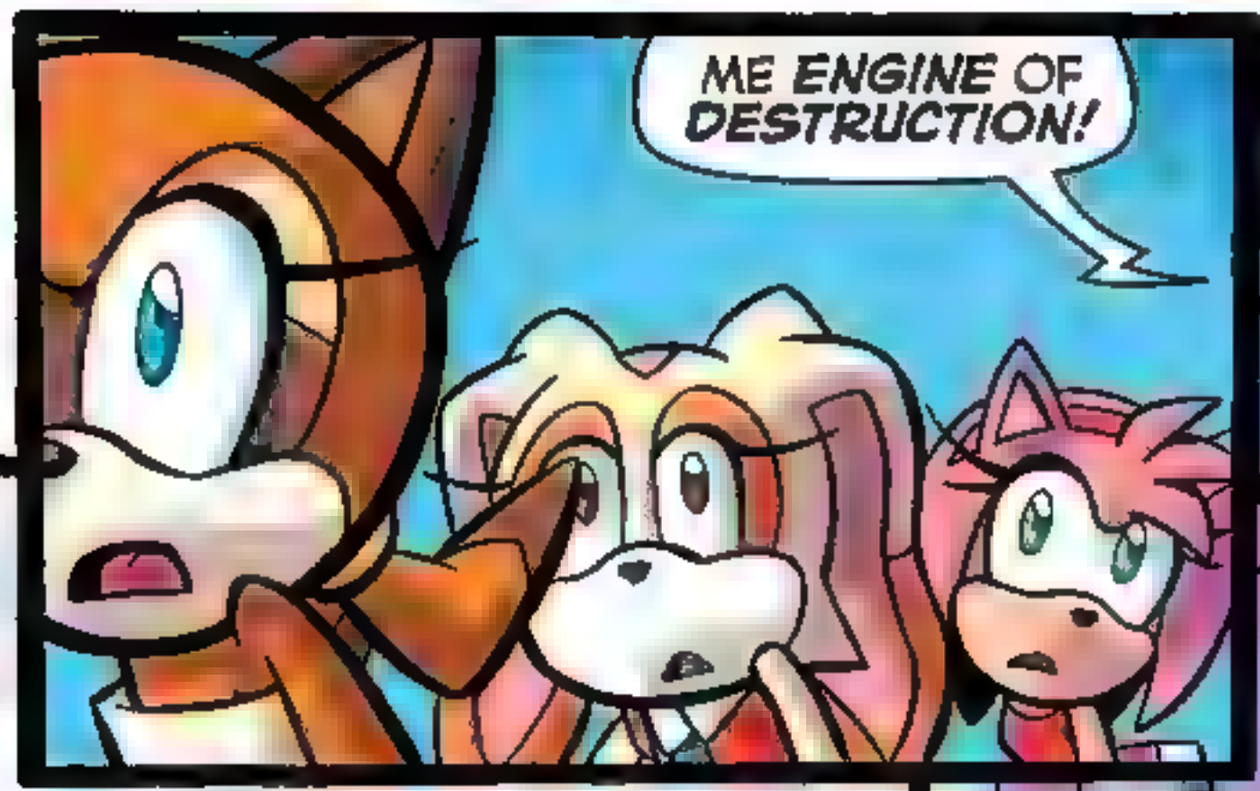

THE LIKES OF ME NEW WEAPON HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN IN *THIS* WORLD. BECAUSE IT BE FROM ANOTHER WORLD ENTIRELY!

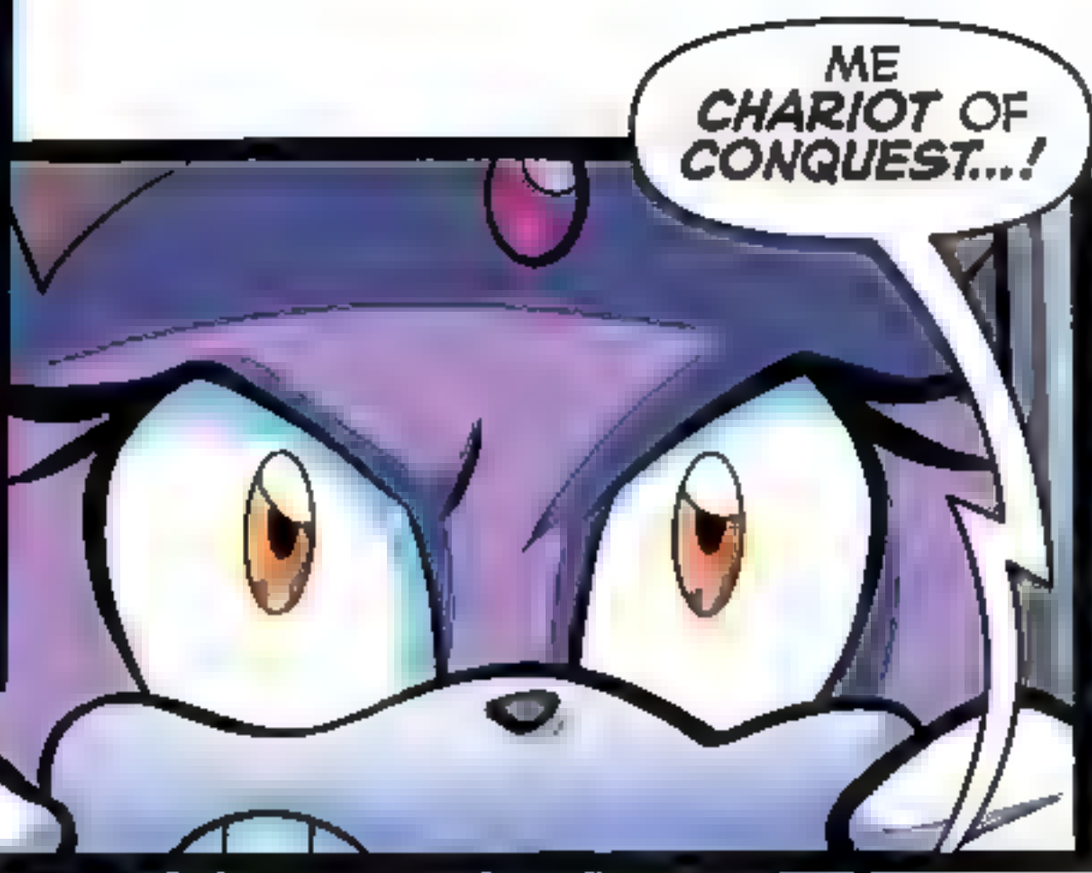

CLONG
ANOTHER WORLD?
AYE, IT JUST APPEARED OUT OF THE BLUE! DAMAGED IT WAS. FIXED IT WE DID. LEARNED OF ITS SECRETS. INSIDE IT, THE NORMAL RULES OF TIME AND SPACE DON'T APPLY.


INSIDE IT, I CAN USE THE POWER OF THE SOL EMERALD.
MUST... HAVE... SHINY

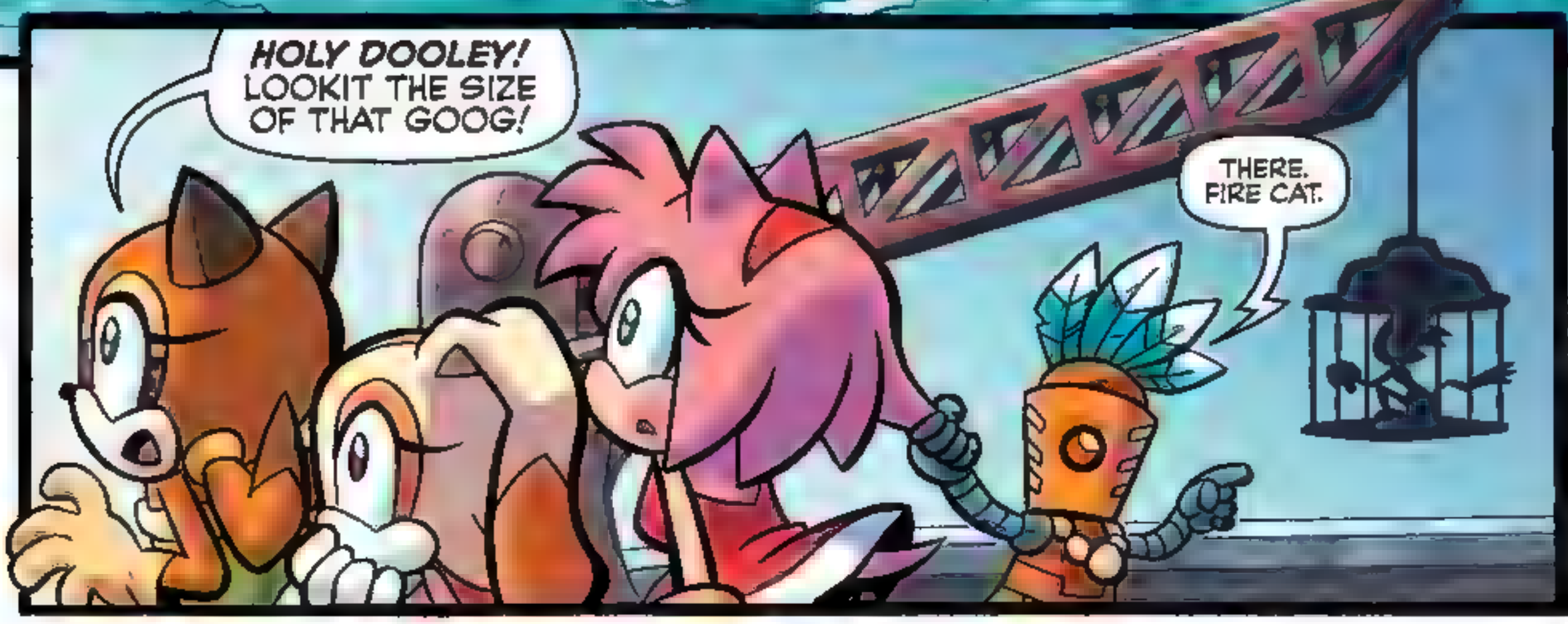
I'LL BE MASTERRR OF THE SEAS *AND* SKIES! AND WITH YER EMERALDS, MAYHAP EVEN MASTERRR OF WHOLE NEW *WORLDS!*

Oh! MISS AMY! I HEAR VOICES!
LOOK TO THE ROCKS OFF THE NORTHERN POINT OF THE ISLAND! BEHOLD ME GLORIOUS WEAPON...!





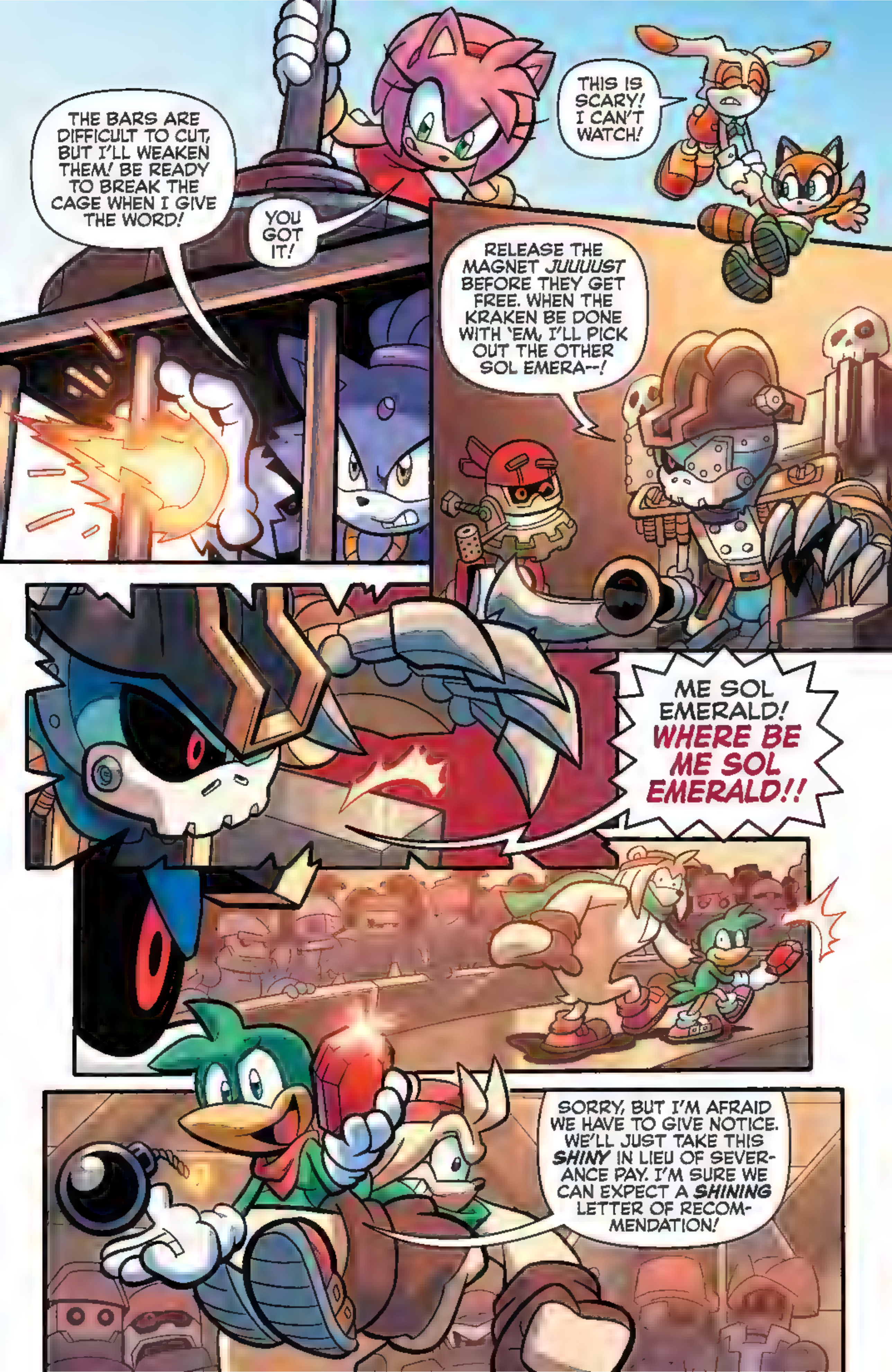
BEHOLD THE EGG O' WAR!



LOOK, MISS AMY! THERE'S MISS BLAZE!
RIGHT! CREAM, GIVE ME A LIFT OVER THERE! MARINE, WAIT HERE!
THERE. PIRATE. BAD.
SINK MY SHIP, WILL YA??!
HEY THERE, STRANGER! MIND IF WE DROP IN?
AMY? CREAM?! YOU'RE ALIVE!!
THANK GOODNESS! MY FRIENDS, I THOUGHT I'D LOST YOU!
YOU SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER! IT TAKES MORE THAN ONE LITTLE DOOM LASER TO STOP US HEROES!

BUT WHERE IS MARINE?
SHE'S OVER THERE WITH THE NICE SPROCKETS!
MARINE!!
Oi! PIRATE!
LOOK ATCHA' ALL LAIRED UP WITH YOUR GOLD EPAULETTES AND FORE-AND-AFT SCRAPER!

FROM ONE CAPTAIN TO ANOTHER, I GOTTA DEMAND SATISFACTION FOR THE SINKIN' OF ME SHIP AND KIDNAPPIN' OF ME FRIEND! GET READY, NOW! YOU'RE ABOUT TO FEEL THE WRATH OF THE GREAT CAPTAIN MARINE! YESSIR, I'M ABOUT TO TAKE YOU APART PIECE BY--
SKYPOW
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL, MISS MARINE!
I HAD 'IM RIGHT WHERE I WANTED 'IM!
BUCKLE! RAISE THE PLATFORM, AND OPEN THE TANK DOORS! LET BLAZE'S LITTLE FRIENDS SHARE HERRR END.
AYE, AYE CAP'N!
IT COULDA' BEEN QUICK AND EASY FOR YE, BLAZE.
BUT NOW THE KRAKEN WILL GRIND YER BONES!
NOT GOOD!
WE MUST HURRY!


THE BARS ARE DIFFICULT TO CUT, BUT I'LL WEAKEN THEM! BE READY TO BREAK THE CAGE WHEN I GIVE THE WORD!
YOU GOT IT!
THIS IS SCARY! I CAN'T WATCH!
RELEASE THE MAGNET JUUUUST BEFORE THEY GET FREE. WHEN THE KRAKEN BE DONE WITH 'EM, I'LL PICK OUT THE OTHER SOL EMERA--!
ME SOL EMERALD! WHERE BE ME SOL EMERALD!!
SORRY, BUT I'M AFRAID WE HAVE TO GIVE NOTICE. WE'LL JUST TAKE THIS SHINY IN LIEU OF SEVERANCE PAY. I'M SURE WE CAN EXPECT A SHINING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION!

Oh, MY!
BETTER HURRY UP, MATES! THINGS ARE CROOK IN TALLAROOK!
IT'S NOW OR NEVER, BLAZE!
MR. SWASH, DROP THOSE FOOLS TO THE KRAKEN! THE REST OF YOU GET ME BACK MY EMERALD!!
AYE AYE, CAP'N!
BREE HEE HEE!!
SHINY SHINY SHINY!!
HO-HO!
IT LOOKS LIKE BLAZE AND HER CREW TRULY BE LEFT HANGIN'! WILL CAP'N METAL POWER UP HIS EGG O' WAR? WILL BEAN AND BARK SWING FROM THE YARD ARM FOR MUTINY? COME BACK WHEN THE WINDS BLOW FAIR FOR *SONIC UNIVERSE #57!*
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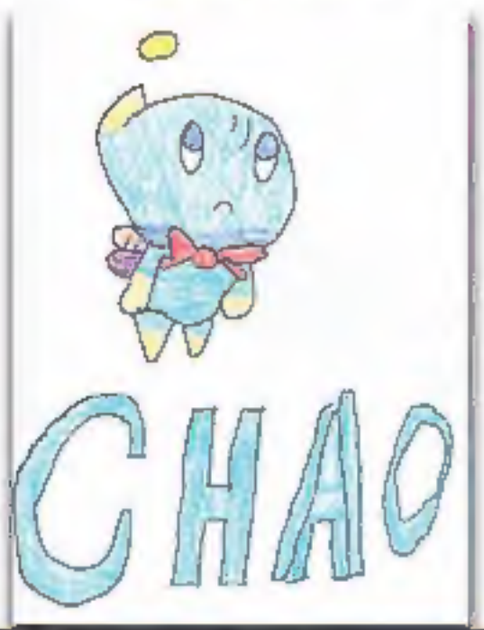

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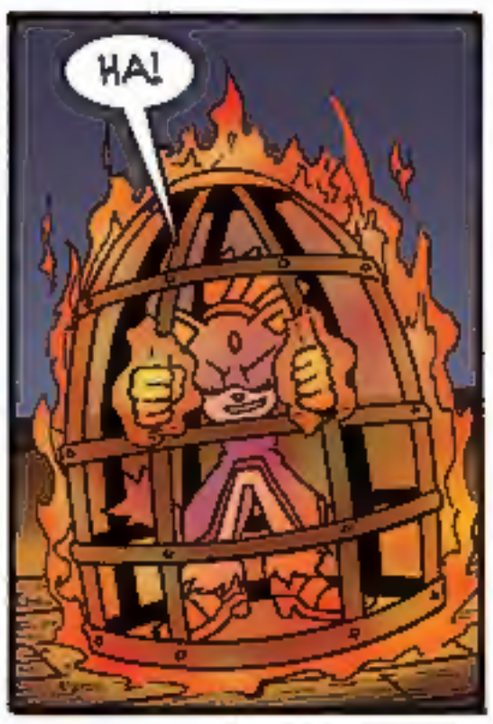

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
A little birdie told me that you guys are doing a saga on Blaze and Marine and friends, is this true?

Was it a Flicky bird?! Those critters are so cute... *AHEM*...we're in the middle of Blaze and Marine's story right now! "Pirate Plunder Panic" features Sonic's best gal pals on a sea-wide adventure to collect the last Sol Emerald, but you probably already knew that after reading this issue! And for even more Blaze and Marine action, be on the look out for Sonic Universe vol. 6 "Treasure Team Tango" graphic novel coming later this holiday season! plugplugplugplugplug

Also, my sister thinks that Tails and Marine should be together and I agree!

Jake K. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Jake! Tails and Marine are in completely different dimensions, so that would be a REALLY long distance relationship!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
It's me again with some thoughts on "Pirate Plunder Panic". It's amazing that Amy Rose is showing up again. During the arc I think Amy should show off her acrobatic skills, could she do that?

Amy Rose is going to be pulling out all the stops this arc, keep your eyes peeled! Also, keep your head low when she takes out her Piko Piko Hammer!

Cap'n Metal is looking to be quite the villainous robot, he's also looking kinda familiar...

Does he? :)

I just saw the cover of Sonic Universe #57 and was shocked to see everyone underwater trying to get the Sol Emerald, Amy was wearing her dress and boots *laughs*. Who wears a dress, gloves and boots underwater?

Amy Rose is a go-getter! A little water won't scare her!

Just what is the Egg 'O War?

Why, it's Captain Metal's biggest, most deadly weapon in all his pirate-ey arsenal! It also looks awfully familiar...

Well that's all I have for now, I'll BE SEEING YE NEXT TIME FOR THE NEXT PART OF PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC!

James M. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, James, and for your hand at some arrrr'right pirate speak! There's more perilous pirate adventures to come!

See you next month for part two of PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC!

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